*(c) As and when future opportunities* for human space flights arise, the women candidates will continue to have equal opportunity of competing with men candidates. All efforts will be made to encourage qualified women candidates to volunteer for future space flights.

**Indian Currency Notes in Pakistan for Extremists**

269. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian Currency notes worth crores of rupees have been clandestinely taken to Pakistan for paying to extremists for their training etc., and

*(b) if so, what steps Government* are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) During the period from 21st April to 15th July, 1985, BSF which is deployed on Indo-Pak border have seized Indian currency worth about Rs. 38.43 lakhs on Punjab-Pak border. Reports indicate that the Indian Currency was being smuggled to Pakistan in lieu of bullion and other contraband being smuggled from Pakistan to India. Government have no information that the currency was smuggled for payment to extremists for their training in Pakistan.

(b) Constant vigil is maintained by the BSF Joint ambushes, raids and patrols with the local Police and other preventive agencies are organized by BSF. Additional coys of BSF have been deployed on Punjab-Pak border. Dog squads and mountied patrolling have been pressed into service to intercept and apprehend exfiltrators and infiltrators. Observation towers have also been erected to watch movements of infiltrators.

270. [*Transferred to 5th August, 1985.*]

**Security Arrangements during flights**

271. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the arrangements Government propose to make for security of passengers and planes during flights in the country and abroad keeping in view the accident of the Air India's Jumbo Jet plane on the 23rd June, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): Although security measures had already been tightened at our airports in the context of the present situation, more stringent steps are being taken to review and strengthen the security arrangements. State Governments and Union Territories have been requested to ensure very effective enforcement of security arrangements at the airport within their jurisdiction. More X-Ray equipments and Explosive Sniffers (PD-4) are being obtained. Baggages will be indentified personally by passengers before it is taken into the aircraft. Air carriers have been asked to advise the travelling public not to accept baggage and parcels or any other items from anybody. Dogs have been trained for sniffing explosives.

The security measures have been constantly under review.